

OPINION 1750

Clidastes Cope, 1868 (Reptilia, Sauria): *C. propython* Cope, 1869 designated as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Clidastes* Cope, 1868 are hereby set aside and *Clidastes propython* Cope, 1869 is designated as the type species.

(2) The name *Clidastes* Cope, 1868 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Clidastes propython* Cope, 1869, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *propython* Cope, 1869, as published in the binomen *Clidastes propython* (specific name of the type species of *Clidastes* Cope, 1868), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2718

An application for the designation of *Clidastes propython* Cope, 1869 as the type species of *Clidastes* Cope, 1868 was received from Dr Caitlin R. Kiernan (*University of Alabama at Birmingham, Homewood, Alabama, U.S.A.*) on 16 March 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 137–139 (June 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the 12 additional references held by the Commission Secretariat demonstrating usage of the name *Clidastes* (para. 5 of the application) were all published in the last 50 years and most appeared after 1975.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 138. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahmert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink
Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Lehtinen.

No votes were received from Starobogatov and Uéno.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Lehtinen would have preferred to adopt the junior synonym *Edestosaurus* Marsh, 1871 (cf. para. 5 of the application) even though the name was as yet obscure.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Clidastes Cope, 1868, *Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*, 20: 181.
propython, *Clidastes*, Cope, 1869, *Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History*, 12: 258.